



Foggy Bottom News

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Ritz Carlton Hosts Special FBA Tour

On Saturday, December 9, at 2:00 p.m., the new Ritz Carlton will host a special tour for the Foggy Bottom community. Anthony Lanier, the complex's developer, has arranged for the FBA group to see the health club, the hotel, and several apartments in the residential portion. He has also arranged for some refreshments to be served to the participants.

A limited number of tickets priced at \$5 are available from Rita Champagne, 293-1439, or e-mail at rchamp_1@email.msn.com, and at the December 4 FBA meeting.

Foggy Bottom's Midnight Chainsaw Massacre

By Russ Conlon

On Friday, November 3, between 2:00 and 3:00 a.m., the Foggy Bottom historic district was jarred awake to the sound of chainsaws and a wood chipper. The contractor building the new George Washington University Hospital brought in a crew to cut down trees adjacent to the construction site. One large tree on 23rd Street, and three smaller trees along the pedestrian mall, near 24th Street, were removed and fed into a mechanical chipper. When called to the scene, the Metropolitan Police temporarily suspended work in order to confirm the validity of the work permit on hand. Work was then allowed to continue despite a resident's objections to the excessive noise created by the heavy-duty wood chipper being used in such close

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December Meeting Welcomes D.C. Mayor Williams

Featured at the December Foggy Bottom Association meeting will be our city's mayor, Anthony A. Williams, making a welcomed visit to his own citizens' association meeting. It is scheduled for Monday, December 4, at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 7:30 p.m. The mayor indicated that he hopes to have Office of Planning Director Andrew Altman accompany him to the meeting.

Tony Williams, our neighbor as well as our mayor, was elected in November, 1998, seeming "to come out of nowhere," according to The Washington Post Magazine. He actually came out of the Chief Financial Officer's post, where he served ably in overhauling the District's fiscal system.

All residents are encouraged to attend to welcome the Mayor.

Update

FB/West End Voters Turn Out

Voters in the three Foggy Bottom/West End area precincts recorded a heavy total in the November election. The Gore/Lieberman ticket won the city, as did Eleanor Holmes Norton for delegate to the House of Representatives.

In the local office elections, the unofficial totals for the FB/WE precincts follow. For Council-at-Large: 1475 for Carol Schwartz, 1300 for Harold Brazil, 313 for Arturo Griffiths, 160 for Daphne McBryde, 131 for Matthew Mercurio, and 106 for Chris Ray. For Ward 2 Council: 1702 for Jack Evans and 511 for Tom Briggs.

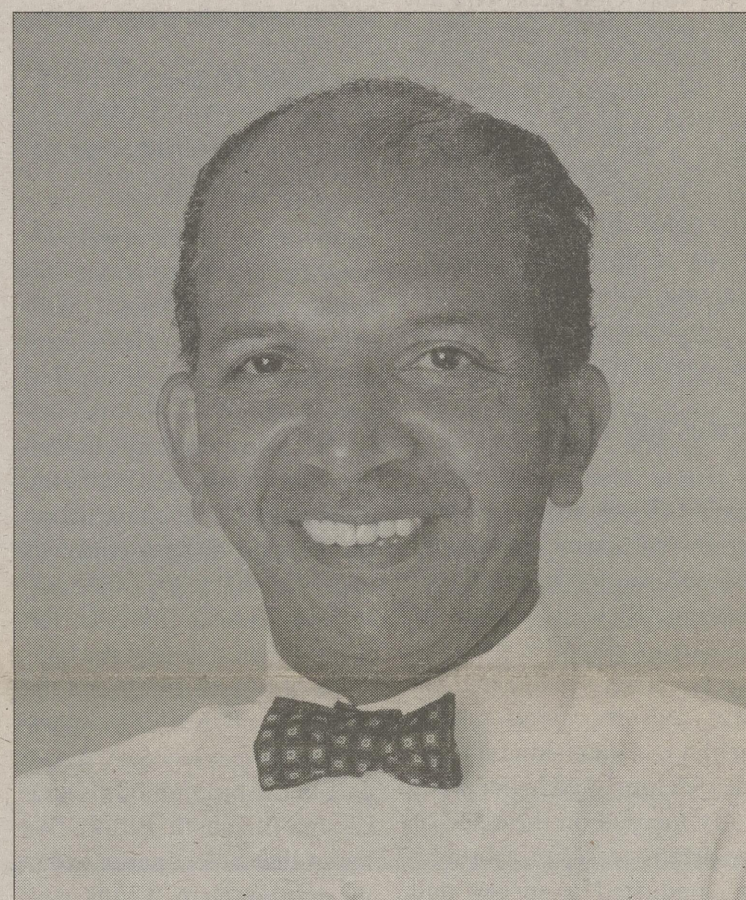
For School Board President: 1253 for Peggy Cooper Cafritz, 613 for Robert Childs, and 227 for Larry Gray. In the 8-way race for District I School Board Member, Julie Mikuta received 855 votes, a comfortable 32% of the votes cast.

Campus Plan Hearing Postponed

The "final" hearing on the GWU campus plan, scheduled for November 15, was postponed until December 12, at 9:30 a.m. At this hearing, the Board of Zoning Adjustment is expected to render its decision on the campus plan. Possible outcomes are denial of the plan and return of the plan for the University to make changes, or approval with conditions. The meeting will take place in the Zoning Hearing Room, Suite 220 South, 441 Fourth Street, N.W. (Judiciary Square Metro).

Appeals Court Hears GWU Hospital Case

On Wednesday, November 15, the D.C. Court of Appeals heard oral arguments in the case of the Foggy Bottom Association against the Board of Zoning Adjustment's decision to approve the building of the GWU Hospital. The appeal was filed in October,



John Harrington/Black Star

1999, shortly after the BZA decision; briefs were filed several months later and the case finally set down for oral argument this past month.

Cornish F. Hitchcock, Esq. represented the FBA, and the University (the intervenor in the case) was represented by Jerry Moore, Jr., Esq., who earlier represented the GWU

Hospital before the BZA.

Much of the proceedings, limited to about one hour, involved questions from the three-judge panel concerning the FBA's contention that the hospital should have been required to submit an Environmental Impact Statement "as

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Guest Speaker

MAYOR ANTHONY WILLIAMS

Monday, December 4, 2000

The Melrose Hotel

2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

(Next meeting: January 29, 2001)



Letters

Fr. Val Responds

Many thanks for the article in the Foggy Bottom News. As was the case in Washington, people here in Shady Grove Hospital are en-fatuated with my red socks.

Thanks for all you do in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood. May God bless you all with good health and happiness.

*Fr. Val Keveney
St. Mary's Church
Rockville*

Ed. note: Fr. Val returned briefly to St. Stephen's to recuperate following knee surgery but has since returned to his Maryland duties.

Raves for Rich

As a resident of SMD ANC-2A01, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to current Commissioner Richard Sheehy for his gallant efforts in promoting our interests during his term. Besides being instrumental in establishing a website for our ANC, he especially focused on the issue of the area's trees. For example, he conducted a survey and pointed out its critical loss of trees. In order to address the

FB Churches: Call for Christmas Services

Below are the names, addresses and phone numbers for the five churches in Foggy Bottom for your information.

Newman Catholic Center:
2210 F Street, N.W. 676-6855

St. Mary's Episcopal Church:
728 23rd Street, N.W. 333-3985

St. Paul's Episcopal Church:
2430 K Street, N.W. 337-2210

St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church:
2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 785-0982

The United Church:
1920 G Street, N.W. 331-1495

Western Presbyterian Church:
2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W. 835-8383

need for replacing about 250 trees, he negotiated with officials from the D.C. government, the American Red Cross and GWU. He also initiated a community liaison group with Mr. Art Bean, the director of GWU construction projects, to discuss concerns of those affected by the construction noise at the Elliott School site, namely the students at Mitchell Hall and the residents of the York Apartments. He also took an active part in the election of his successor, Elizabeth Elliott. We regret that he is unable to run for another term. Thank you, Richard!

Laetitia Combrinck

Come, Christmas Carolers, Come!

The entire FB community is invited to the First Annual Foggy Bottom Carol Sing, to be held Wed., Dec. 6, from 7-8 p.m. Leading the carolers will be one of Washington's finest choral directors, Thomas Beveridge, Director of the National Men's Chorus and the New Dominion Chorale.

The sing, to be held at Western Presbyterian Church, is co-sponsored by the GWU Newman Center, and continues the ecumenical cooperation between the clergy and congregations of the Virginia Avenue church and the F Street Newman Center chapel. For example, a 10:00 p.m. Catholic Mass is celebrated each Sunday night during the school year at Western.

Pastor John Wimberly heads the Western Presbyterian Church, and Father Rob Panke is the chaplain/pastor of the Newman Center.

Father Melvin James Comes to St. Stephen's

St. Stephen Martyr Church is the new assignment for Father Melvin James, who was born in Columbia Hospital for Women and his family home was at 957 25th Street.



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Class Ring Found: A Duquesne University class ring was found in FB Historic District, late October or early November. Class of 1978, initials RSC. Owner please describe ring when you call 337-5528.

Father James has degrees in nursing, theology and lin-

guistics, and has a special interest in and talent for making liturgical vestments of all kinds. Earlier he served in a multi-cultural parish in Los Angeles, and in two posts in Mexico. Father James has also served in the Office for Latin American & Caribbean Affairs for the U.S. National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, and as a vice-provincial for his order, the Divine Word Missionaries.

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Becker Beat**Be Aware**

The solitary death this summer of Teena Hart is replete with tragedy. Her friend Bob Alcorn recounted her calls to him and other friends indicating serious illness. When they tried to help, they could not gain admittance to her building or to her apartment. A subsequent visit by the police also did not result in entry, but later on when the management finally went in and found that she had been dead for some time. Alcorn also reports that all her belongings disappeared.

When one hears and talks about this kind of tragedy, again and again the worry about the many solitary residents who live in Foggy Bottom comes to the fore. It should be a reminder for us to be aware of others who might be in this situation and try, gently and tactfully, to look after them, even if it is from afar, and even if they seem to resent the attention.

New FBA Committee Formed

By Rita V. Champagne

I can remember my younger days, and how my father oftentimes called me "crazy clean"! Who knows, perhaps this trait was passed on to me by my mother who lived her formative years in the convent with Catholic nuns. I did know that, throughout my entire life, orderliness of both my private and public surroundings was always of the utmost importance to me.

Therefore, I was delighted when FBA President Michael Thomas named four new committees, one of which would concern the neighborhood environment. Appropriately named, the Community Improvement Committee's focus would be to enhance and improve the overall environment of the Foggy Bottom area, with the objective of making it a visually attractive and safe community. The CIC will identify upgrades needed to parks, trees, public services, streets, sidewalks, lighting, etc., and develop recommendations for the FBA Board's consideration on how to address those needs.

Prior to the committee's appointment, I had involved myself in making some neighborhood improvements in the two small parks on Virginia Avenue, as well as trash pickup in and around the area. Therefore, when the committee was named, I knew I would want not only to be on the committee, but to serve as its chair as well. I am joined by our two newest FBA Executive Board members, Melissa Front and Jackie Lemire, and I am delighted to know they both share the same zest for the appearance of the neighborhood.

At the initial CIC meeting on September 17, it was decided that we recruit two non-Board members, and that the Foggy Bottom area be divided into five sections, with each committee member responsible for one section. Charlotte LeGates, a writer who lives on M Street, and Nathan Matlin, a GWU student, have agreed to be our fourth and fifth members. Boundaries of each section and the committee member concerned with each area are as follows:

Melissa Front (298-7901) 23rd-26th St., K to Va. Ave.

Charlotte LeGates (775-2632) 22nd-26th St., M to N St.

Jackie Lemire (337-2167) 22nd-26th St., K to Pa. Ave./L St.

Nathan Matlin (293-5490) 20th-23rd St., E-G St.

Rita Champagne (293-1439) 24th-26th St., Va.-Pa. Ave. and remaining parts of the Foggy Bottom area.

I am definitely convinced that we make a statement—positive or negative—of how much we value something by how much we are for it. I value my home; I value my neighborhood. Please feel free to call me or the committee member of your area regarding any improvement matters, or if you would like to be included in any future CIC projects.

You, Too, Can and Should Improve the Community

By Ellie Becker

Every FB resident should work to improve the neighborhood, and a major task is keeping it clean and orderly.

In case you are not aware of it, there are NO paid street/sidewalk cleaners in our area. That plastic water bottle, soda can, piece of newspaper, or other "stuff" won't disappear by magic. So—we need all the unpaid, aware and dutiful ones we can find!

All you need to do is begin to let that "stuff" bother you enough to lean down and pick it up. In our area you are

never very far from a trash-can—or you can even take "stuff" and put it in your own trash. It's not such a big deal, and as Rita Champagne says, it can be a real "waist-waster," taking inches off your frame. If you spot a large accumulation, contact Rita who will ask the city to attend to it.

Another reminder: it's leaf time, and residents are obligated to keep sidewalks clear, and should, for their own safety and to avoid small floods, clear the street gutters as well.

The last thing you then need to clean are your hands—just to make sure!

Our slogan might be:

THIS IS MY NEIGHBORHOOD, AND I FEEL LIKE CLEANING IT UP!

News from 2D

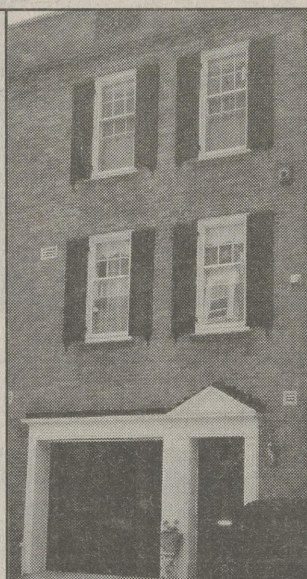
The Second District of the Metropolitan Police Department held its awards banquet November 9, recognizing deserving police officers and staff, as well as volunteers. The Detective Unit, headed by former PSA 207 Lt. Joseph Trippi, was recognized for its work on the tragic incident at the National Zoo some months ago. Officer Steve Frick of PSA 207 and Officer Stephen Allen of PSA 208 were named their PSAs' "Officers of the Year."

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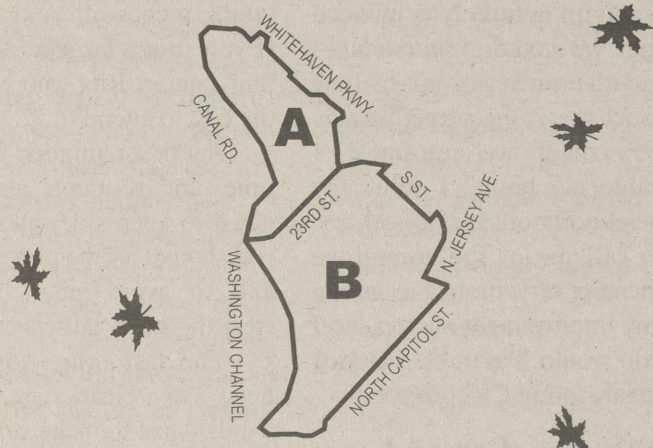
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Please rake leaves into a pile in the treebox

space. Leaves in the street create travel and parking hazards.

Put the pile(s) of leaves where DPW crews can easily vacuum them. Please avoid areas where there are parked cars or low hanging trees.

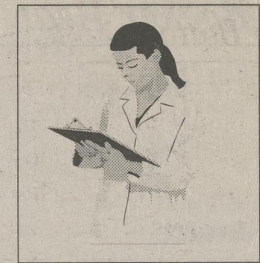
Please – leaves only. No tree limbs, bricks, dirt, rocks, etc. They will damage the equipment.

DPW will vacuum leaves at least twice from each street in each neighborhood between October 30 and January 5. Please locate your neighborhood on the ward map and follow the schedule for your neighborhood. Leaves should be raked out by the Sunday of your collection weeks. DPW crews will pass by only once during each of your scheduled weeks.

Leaves from the rear of your property may be raked in to the treebox or bagged and placed where your trash and recyclables are collected. The trash collection crews will remove 7 bags at a time. Please be patient. We will collect everything.

No collections will be made on these holidays: Veterans Day, November 10; Thanksgiving Day, November 23; Christmas Day, December 25; New Year's Day, January 1.

Holiday trees will be picked up, from the front, for one week only starting Monday January 8. Your tree(s) should be placed in front of your home by Sunday, January 7. Any trees that are not picked up that week should be placed with your trash on your regular collection day.



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The Lipid Research Clinic at GW is recruiting participants for research studies focusing on cholesterol, blood pressure, bone density, and prostate cancer prevention. Women aged 21 and older, not on hormones, cholesterol-lowering or osteoporosis drugs may be eligible for a 12-week study to test the effect of a cholesterol drug on bone density markers. Other studies on blood pressure in seniors, prostate cancer prevention, and HDL cholesterol in men and women will also be undertaken late this year.

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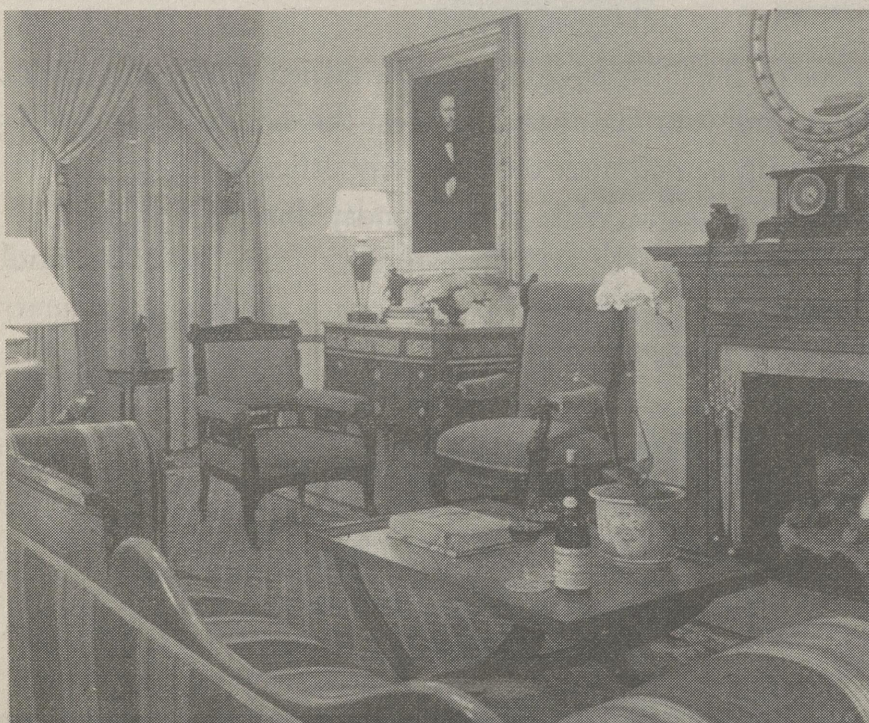
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Foggy Bottom Folks

Several of our good friends have lost family members in the recent past. Our condolences go out to **Bob Charles** whose father passed away in October at his home in Newport, RI. The elder Charles served as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, and earlier held positions with NASA and McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis.

We were sorry to hear

that the sister of **Handy Handyside** died in November in their home town in Ohio. And West End Librarian **Barbara Kubinski** lost her mother who lived in Pennsylvania and had been ill for some time.

The United Church is most appreciative of the support of the Foggy Bottom residents during the two days of their Annual Fall Sale in October. The proceeds, amounting to

just over \$13,000, will benefit the community and mission projects of the church.

The new owner of Donatello's Restaurant is **John Kim**, who purchased the L Street establishment during the summer from Joseph Soares, its owner for almost 20 years. Assisting Kim is **Gene Nance** as manager; he earlier



New owner John Kim with manager Gene Nance

served as a headwaiter for the former owner. Kim is a graduate of UCLA, and has worked for IBM and Oracle. In 1989 he was sent by Samsung Electronics to Russia, and part of the project was a large restaurant for its employees, serving both Russian and Korean fare.

Kim is keeping the current chef and cooks, and is maintaining the restaurant's menu, other than adding some variety at lunch and some seasonal offerings. He hopes to make the patio an all-weather dining area, improve the wine list, and make the mezzanine available for private parties.

New Hampshire Avenue residents **Bob** and **Frieda**

Arts & Crafts Showcase at Western

On Sunday, December 3, an Arts and Crafts Showcase will be held at the Western Presbyterian Church, 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W., from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m.

For sale will be works by local artists and craftspersons, as well as by artisan-members of the Western congregation. Among items expected to be available are paintings, sculp-

ture, needlecrafts, photography, ceramics/pottery, and homemade baked goods and other treats.

The Showcase is a fundraising event for Project Create, an after-school arts program sponsored by and held at Western for children at Stevens Elementary School, located on 21st and L Streets, N.W.

Strombom have headed to Washington State to live near their adult children. Bob was involved in international trade matters, and plans to continue his woodworking hobby in their new home.

The Plaza on 25th Street this summer made some staff changes, mostly involving current employees when its manager, **Gerald O'Reilly**, left to take on the management of an apartment complex in Virginia. The new manager/engineer is **Scott Howard**, the assistant manager is **Johannes Hogas**. On the desk now are **Eric Brown**, **Vincent Noye** and **Emmanuel Obi**. **Marta Rubio** is the smiling lady keeping the place tidy.

There are "beautifiers" everywhere in Foggy Bottom.

The latest heard about is **Kate Sullivan** of I Street. Reportedly she went to work with a will to pull weeds, clean up trash, and then cultivate and plant the tree space in front of the house she rents, as well as some adjacent space. Hope her diligence is contagious; every foot cleaned up and fixed up is a victory worth winning.

The York Apartments are proud to have the ANC-2A01 commissioner-elect, **Elizabeth Elliott**, as a resident. She has also served as the treasurer of the tenants' association for many years, and has taken an active part in testifying at hearings before the NCPC opposing the construction of the American Red Cross headquarters, and regarding rent control before the D.C. Council.

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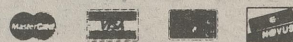
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required by the [D.C.] Environmental Protection Act." According to Mr. Hitchcock, this is the "first time the Court has been asked to construe when [in the zoning approval process] an environmental review should take place." It is a novel issue and all three judges questioned the attorneys and commented on it. The FBA's brief also questioned the BZA's approval of the building "relying on a series of conditions that are unenforceable and unlikely to mitigate the negative effects of the proposed new hospital." Central to that were the impact of the large loading dock facing the neighboring residential area. According to GWU, the hospital and "GWU will be in full compliance . . . simply by issuing a 'recommendation' to its vendors" as to timing of deliveries and pickups and to avoid residential streets. A third "question" presented involved the BZA's failing to give "great weight" to the ANC resolution and to address other concerns of the community.

Stevens School Termed "Endangered"

The Stevens Elementary School, on 21st Street between K and L Streets, has been designated as an endangered historic place by the D.C. Preservation League. The school system plans to sell or lease 51 of 153 schools built between 1864 and 1959. Included is the Stevens School, built in 1868 and the oldest elementary school built to provide equal facilities for African American children. The League is working with the PTA to preserve the school. According to the League, "some schools have been successfully sold and redeveloped without significant alterations, others have been sold and threatened with demolition." It is possible that the School Without Walls, on F Street, might fall within that category as well. Tanya Beauchamp and Marc Fieterman are listed as co-chairs of the League's efforts. The phone number is 955-5616; e-mail is Dcpreserv@aol.com; and the

website is www.dcpreservation.org.

Zoning Commission Meets on Campus Plans

At 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 16, the Zoning Commission heard testimony from interested parties on transfer of approval authority for campus plans from the Board of Zoning Adjustment to the Zoning Commission. If implemented, campus plans in the future (not those currently being heard) would be decided by the Zoning Commission which has had authority over cases involving large tracts of land.

Witnesses included the D.C. Office of Planning, FBA's Ellie Becker, ANC's Dorothy Miller, several representatives from other neighborhoods which border universities, and from the Consortium of Universities. A decision may be rendered as early as mid-January.

Elliott School Work Resumed

By Laetitia Combrinck

Work resumed in late October at the site of the new building for the GWU Elliott School of International Affairs (the former Associated General Contractors building). A stop work order was issued October 19; a sheeting, shoring and excavation permit had been received a day before to start digging a hole for the three-level underground parking garage. The completion target date for the building is fall 2002.

A liaison group, headed

by ANC-2A01 Commissioner Richard Sheehy, met with GWU construction director Art Bean on October 16 and November 14. The group pointed out the concerns of residents at Mitchell Hall and the York Apartments regarding construction noise.

Requests for construction not to start before 9:00 a.m. and to eliminate work on Saturdays were turned down, but it was agreed to "minimize" work during the students' reading and examination period, December 15-21.

A compromise was suggested—that an effort be made to operate at a "low noise level" when work takes place between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m.

As a GWU contractor cut down a wide-caliper city tree near the E Street sidewalk without a permit in October, a fine will be imposed. The liaison group was informed that a mature tree on 20th Street that would obstruct the planned driveway will also need to be cut. In view of this GWU has expressed willingness to "replace" these trees.

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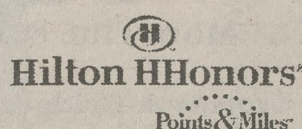
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The Foggy Bottom Diner

By Jim Patterson

It seems I have been dining a lot at Chen's Watergate of late. As the weather has gotten cooler, I enjoy Chen's soups: Hot & Sour, Egg Drop and Wonton, which are all priced at a reasonable \$1.50 per cup. Sometimes, for carry-out, I get a container of steamed rice to accompany the soup and mix them for a nice, small and tasty dinner. But, of course, soups are just a modicum of Chen's large menu.

For lunch, served between 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Chen's offers a non-fat menu of steamed items such as shrimp, chicken, scallops, vegetables or Hunan combination of jumbo shrimp, chicken, beef and vegetables, ranging in price from \$5.95 to \$10.95. Daily lunch specials are as low as \$5.

For dinner, Chen's offers 12 seafood dishes, priced at \$10.95 each; 6 pork dishes at \$7.95 each; 12 chicken dishes at \$7.95; and 8 beef dishes priced at \$8.95. Chen's chef's recommendations, 13 dishes including such favorites as orange chicken, sesame chicken, and fish Szechuan, are priced from \$13.95 (seafood combination) to \$9.95 (lemon chicken).

For carryout or eating in, there are 6 tables and 6 diner style seats. Chen's offers quick

Library Friends Elect New Officers

The West End Library Friends ended a successful year at their annual meeting in late September. Officers elected were Richard J. Price, President; Mary Lou Hennessy, Vice President; Helen Miko, Treasurer, and Grace E. Watson, Secretary.

There will be extensive improvements, both inside and out, made at the library over the coming months. Money for them will come from the Friends, appropriated funds, and the \$135,570 donated by the Millenium Partners as part of its zoning advantages amenity package for the construction of the Ritz Carlton complex.

The Friends are currently having a membership drive. Please become a member.

and simple service and hot and satisfactory food. Stop by Chen's during your next visit to the Watergate. For residents of the Watergate and others within a 1-mile radius of the restaurant, Chen's offers free delivery with a minimum order of \$15. Open till 9:00 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays; closed Sundays. Chen's is Watergate's favorite—and one of Foggy Bottom's fine Chinese restaurants.

SWW Library Seeks Help

The library program at our local high school, School Without Walls, has several projects which can use volunteer help. Included are:

—Reading interviews. Students need to verify their reading by telling authorized listeners about their books. Interviews usually take place from 8:00-8:45 a.m. and 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

—Beautification. The library is the perfect location to display student art. With a little carpentry, some hardware and vertical blinds, the library could be transformed into a student art gallery.

—Automation project. The library can be among the first D.C. schools to be equipped with a computer card catalog and automated circulation system—if the current records can be prepared for the DCPS contractor. This involves a simple inventory with notations made on the shelf list cards.

—Library maintenance and support. Tasks such as gathering materials for teachers, shelving books and magazines, identifying overdue materials, filing, etc., are always needed to keep everyday library operations running smoothly. A two-hour a week commitment on a regular or semi-regular basis would be helpful.

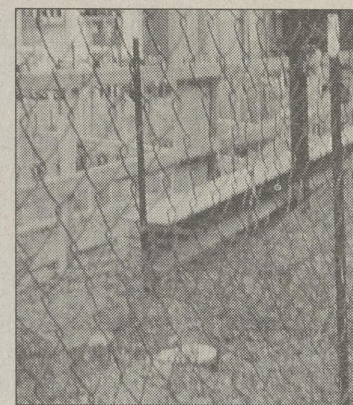
The School Without Walls, located at 2130 G Street, is known for its bright students and involved staff. The director of the library/media center is especially appreciative for help she receives, from students, parents and other volunteers.

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proximity to a residential neighborhood at that hour.

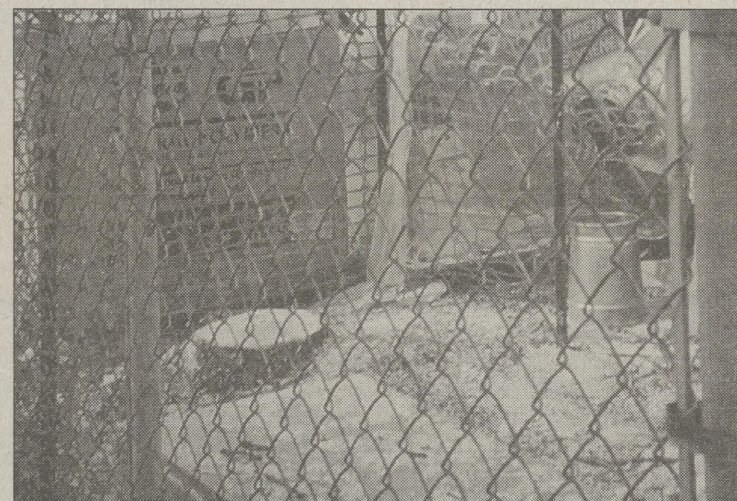
When contacted, the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Building and Land Regulations Administration, confirmed issuance of a permit for night work (12:00 midnight-6:00 a.m.) on the site from October 10 to November 29. When questioned as to the noise regulations, we were informed that the permit provided for night work as long as the mechanical equipment used did not exceed 60 decibels. Kathy Regan, project manager for the new hospital, cited concerns for pedestrian and Metro passenger safety as the reason for the early morning work. (Metro closes at midnight on weeknights.)

As to the trees removed, Bill Beck, a Supervisory Horticulturist with the Department of Public Works, indicated that permission had



been given for the removal of a diseased elm tree adjacent to the site on 23rd Street, N.W., but no mention was made in the permit for the removal of trees along the pedestrian mall. In addition, Mr. Beck indicated that the permit should have restricted the time the wood chipper could be used adjacent to a residential community.

In a later conversation, Project Manager Kathy Regan acknowledged to the News that the order to remove the trees at that hour "was in error."

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Neighborhood Datebook

Sunday, December 3: Arts and Crafts Showcase, featuring works by local artists and craftspersons, as well as artisan-members of the Western Presbyterian Church, to benefit Project Create. Western Presbyterian Church, 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W. 12:00 noon-2:30 p.m.*

Sunday, December 3: Second Annual Christmas Bazaar, sponsored by the DAR Museum, located at 1776 D Street, N.W. Featured will be costumed interpreters and free tours of the period rooms, as well as selected vendors selling antique quilts, costumes, linens and lace, old needlework tools and reproduction and contemporary fabrics and patterns. Light refreshments for sale. For info call Nancy Gibson at 879-3238. \$7.50. 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 4: Meeting of Foggy Bottom Association, with Mayor Anthony A. Williams as featured speaker. All residents are welcome. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, December 6: First Annual Foggy Bottom Carol Sing, sponsored by the GWU Newman Center and Western Church. Western Presbyterian Church, 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W. 7:00-8:00 p.m.*

Friday, December 8: Shoshanna Tita, Director of the Torah Life Center, will be the speaker at the TGIF series on workplace faith and ethics at Grace Church, 1041 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Lunch available. For info call 301-961-7108. 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 9: Opening of 15-artist group show, featuring "our own Foggy Bottom residents" Eva Jacob, Roz Freund and William D'Italia. The exhibit, entitled "Bring Art to the Season," will continue through December. The Saturday open house will feature Swedish Glögg (Dale, the owner, is of Swedish descent), and other fun foods. Watergate Gallery &

Frame Design, 2552 Virginia Avenue, N.W. For info call 338-4488. 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 9: Special FBA tour of the new Ritz Carlton complex between 22nd and 23rd and L and M Streets. For tickets contact Rita Champagne, 293-1439 or e-mail at rchamp_1@email.msn.com. Tickets limited. \$5. 2:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, December 12: Board of Zoning Adjustment hearing on the GWU campus plan, postponed from November 15. The BZA is expected to render its decision on the case at this time. Zoning Hearing Room. Suite 220 South, 441 4th Street, N.W. (Judiciary Square Metro). 9:30 a.m.*

Wednesday, December 13: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-A meeting, State Plaza Hotel, 2116 F Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m. This is the last scheduled meeting prior to new Commissioners taking office.

Thursday, December 14: Holiday tree-lighting ceremony in the hospital lobby, open to the community. Columbia Hospital for Women, 2425 L Street, N.W. 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 15: Joe Dalton, former principal of Wheaton High School and a family counselor, will be the speaker at the TGIF series on workplace faith and ethics at Grace Church, 1041 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Lunch available. For info call 301-961-7108. 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 17: Annual Christmas Concert of traditional German and English Christmas music, by the Washington Sangerbund. United Church, 20th & G Streets, N.W. Good will contribution requested. 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17: TENTATIVE date for Advisory Commission 2-A meeting, but subject to change after new commission takes office. For info call 736-1775 for time and location.

Monday, January 29: Foggy Bottom Association meeting. The Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

* See article on this listing elsewhere in this issue.

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